Annual Report: Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **October 2017 - September 2018**

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<th>Name of Recipient</th>
<th>Program</th>
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<td>Doctorate of Health Education</td>
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No more than three scholarships can be in force at any given time with a cumulative maximum of 18 credits per school year. The cumulative maximum of 18 credits per school year makes it likely that only one scholarship will be awarded annually due to the Master’s Degree Program credit requirements.

Scholarship recipients #3 and #4 are the same person, as a one time exception, approved by Empire State Development, was granted to this individual to continue their studies at the doctorate level.

*The recruitment process was being refined during Academic Year 2014-2015, and continues to be modified going forward. It is anticipated that depending on the program selected by the scholarship recipient and requirements of the specific program selected, there could be a need to adjust the recruitment process annually to meet the obligation. In the case of [redacted], she accelerated her participation and was able to utilize 36 (two years’ worth) credits in a little less than 18 months. As a result, no new scholarship was awarded in school year 2014-2015.

**[redacted] was awarded 18 credits to use in Academic year 2015-2016. [redacted] utilized 10 of these credits and then chose to use credits she received from having a student teacher in her classroom to cover the rest of her courses.**

Additional Supporting Documentation

- Announcement regarding availability of scholarships
- Application for Enrollment in Scholarship Program
- Applicant Pool
- Letter to scholarship recipient
- Letter of acceptance from scholarship recipient
Master’s Degree Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers

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**Application Requirements Checklist**

Each graduate scholarship applicant must provide the following required documents:

- Completed application form (see page 3)
- Copy of elementary education certification. Applicable certifications include:
  - Initial Certificate for Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) or
  - Initial Certificate for Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)
- Letter of admission or proof of application to a Master’s Degree program at Columbia University or Teachers College
- Letter of five-year teaching commitment
  - Letter must express applicant’s commitment to teach within Community District 9 for five years after they complete their participation in the scholarship program.
- Letter of candidacy endorsement from local elementary school principal
  - Letter from local elementary school principal must approve the candidacy of each prospective scholarship recipient in writing to be considered for a graduate scholarship.
Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers
Application for Enrollment in Scholarship Program

Application Process

1. Interested applicants are required to completed the enclosed application (page 3) and submit the required documentation to be considered eligible for a scholarship.
2. Columbia University will interview applicants to determine the teaching commitment of each prospective scholarship recipient.

Application Deadline

Application deadline for Fall 2018 is June 29, 2018.

Contact Information

For more information regarding Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers program, please e-mail projx@columbia.edu or visit the Columbia University Manhattanville Benefits and Amenities Webpage: http://manhattanville.columbia.edu/community/benefits-and-amenities/graduate-scholarships-elementary-school-teachers
In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must complete and sign the following application form along with all required documentation listed on page 1 of this application packet. All application items must be submitted as a complete package.

**Contact Information**

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**Teaching Experience**

| Name of School Where Currently Employed: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Grade Level Currently Teaching: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Number of Years Teaching: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Please list all Relevant Teaching Certifications: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
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**Master’s Program**

| Master’s Program applied to at Columbia University or Teachers College: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Status of Application (Please circle one): | Admitted | Awaiting Decision |
| Total Number of Credits Required for Program: | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
| Number of Credits Enrolled in this Year (if known): | ____________________________________________________________________________ |
Master’s Program (continued)

Have you applied for this scholarship before? (Please circle one): Yes  No
If Yes, how many credits were you granted? ________________________________

Short Answer Questions

Please explain why you want to receive this scholarship:

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Short Answer Questions (continued)

Please describe your commitment to teach for five years within Community District 9:
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I certify that all of the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________________
Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers
Scholarship Program

APPLICANT POOL

   Grades Served: 6-12
   Location: 425 West 123rd Street, New York, NY 10027

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<td>Since elementary school education is Grades 1-6 and CSS-MSE serves grades 6-12, then teachers of Grade 6 at CSS-MSE would be eligible to apply for a graduate scholarship.</td>
<td>• Qualified elementary school teachers must be accepted into a master’s degree program from the pre-approved list of programs.</td>
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<td>If a CSS-MSE elementary school teacher is eligible for a graduate scholarship, then s/he would be able to provide either a Childhood Education Certificate (Grades 1-6) or a Middle School Education Certificate (Grades 5-9). This means there will be a certification overlap for Grade 6 for teachers from CSS-MSE.</td>
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2. Teachers College Community School (TCCS)
   Grades Served: PreK-3 (School will phase in an additional grade every year to PreK-8)
   Location: 168 Morningside Ave, New York, NY 10027

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<td>If elementary education is Grades 1-6 and TCCS currently serves Grades PreK-3, then teachers of Grades 1, 2, or 3 at TCCS would be eligible to apply for a graduate scholarship. If a TCCS elementary school teacher is eligible for a graduate scholarship, then s/he must be able to provide a Childhood Education Certificate (Grades 1-6). TCCS elementary school teachers would fulfill the requirement that they be “qualified elementary school teachers either currently teaching within Community District 9 or interested in teaching elementary school within Community District 9”.</td>
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**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY**

The maximum **annual** scholarship to be awarded will cover 18 credits. In many cases, this will limit the number of scholarships to one annually which may be renewed until the completion of the selected Master’s Degree. Individual programs may have a restriction on the number of credits that must be taken annually and can impact the number of scholarships awarded. Further explanation follows:

a) 1 scholarship for 18 credits = 18 credits  
b) 2 scholarships for 9 credits ea. = 18 credits  
c) 3 scholarships for 6 credits ea. = 18 credits  
d) Or any other combination equaling 18 credits annually.

**FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Outreach:**

Outreach will begin with the Columbia Secondary School for Math Science and Engineering as well as the Teacher’s College Community School. After at least five years, Columbia will re-evaluate to determine if additional outreach might be necessary.

**Eligibility**

A qualified elementary school teacher, who has not yet been admitted to a Master’s degree program, can still apply for a graduate scholarship, but their scholarship award will be contingent on their graduate program acceptance.
NEW YORK STATE TEACHING REQUIREMENTS

Certified Teacher requirements:

- All states require a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in education to become a certified teacher. ¹
- New York State requires teachers to obtain a master’s degree in teaching (or a related discipline) within five years of the completion of their initial degree. ²

NY State Type of Certificates:

- Initial: the entry-level teaching certificate issued for a specific subject and grade level. It is valid for five years (with the possibility of a time extension if you are eligible). During this five-year period, you must obtain a Professional Certificate which requires a minimum of three years of experience and a Master’s degree. ³
- Professional: the second-level teaching certificate. A holder of an Initial certificate must apply to the New York State Department of Education (SED) for the Professional certificate upon completion of requirements. ⁴

NY State Teaching Certificates (that would be applicable):

- Initial Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
- Initial Certificate in Middle School Education (Grades 5-9)

September 18, 2018

Dear [Name],

Congratulations on your re-selection as a recipient of the Graduate Scholarship for Elementary School Teachers. This scholarship represents Columbia's commitment to enhance the quality of elementary school education within the local community and to support the professional development of teachers within the community's schools.

This scholarship will cover the costs of tuition for your studies towards the completion of a Doctorate in Education degree at Teachers College for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. The scholarship also covers your registration fees. Please send a letter back to my office confirming the following:

- Confirm your acceptance of the scholarship;
- List the name of the graduate program in which you are enrolled;
- Provide the number of credits you expect to complete in Academic Year 2018-2019;
- Affirm your commitment to teach within CD9 for five years following receipt of the degree, pursuant to the terms of the fellowship.

I wish you continued success in your studies at Teachers College, and offer my deep appreciation for your work on behalf of the children of upper Manhattan.

Sincerely,

John H. Coatsworth
September 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Coatsworth,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue my educational development. I accept the scholarship offered for work towards my Doctorate in Health Education.

I anticipate enrolling in 15-18 credits in the next year.

I am a passionate teacher and committed to teaching students within my community. I live near the school I work at and enjoy being a part of the community in which I teach.

I am committed to working within my community because it allows me to have a deeper understanding of my students and a relationship that goes beyond the classroom.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to further develop as a professional.

Sincerely,
Graduate Scholarships for Elementary School Teachers Commitment Form

Q1. Please confirm your commitment to teach within Community District 9 for five years following receipt of degree.

☐ I confirm my commitment to teach within Community District 9 for five years.

Q2. Periodically, we may need to confirm your matriculation at Teachers College and/or Columbia University. Please confirm your agreement to respond to queries from Columbia University regarding the status of your matriculation.

☐ I agree to respond to queries from Columbia University regarding the status of my matriculation.

Q3. Please confirm your agreement to respond to keep Columbia University apprised of your anticipated completion date.

☐ I agree to respond to keep Columbia University apprised of my anticipated completion date.

Q4. Please confirm your agreement to send an email to projx@columbia.edu when all of your awarded credits have been utilized, confirming the completion of your scholarship.

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Q5. Please use your mouse or finger to sign below: